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EDITORIAL NOTES.

FROM THE DAILY P. C. A. TEN years ago, Feb. 12th, King Kalakaua came to the throne. It would be highly interesting to have from a competent hand a picture of the Hawaii of ten years ago to compare with Nor will memory, be it bright and clear as it may, enable any one individual to apprehend these changes in our statistical records are also quite inadequate to give an idea of what Again, the man who has spent most of his time in Honolulu must be far from having a fair idea of what the change elsewhere has been during the short ten years of King Kalakaua's

Interesting as it would be to read a well drawn, and really complete, comparison between the Hawaii of 1874 and of to-day, how much more so would it not be if the contrast could be projected forwards and take in the Hawaii of 1894. The change of the past ten years has been almost solely due to one dominating influence-that of material progress. Agricultural industry has been developed in certain directions and in certain localities. All the other change has come in the wake of this as its natural consequence. The first marked result has of course been a large increase in the capital of the country and in the wealth of individuals. The extension of planting has gone far beyond what the supply of labor available in the population of 1874 could keep pace with. People from other lands have therefore been brought here by thousands. This is perhaps the most important of any of the secondary changes which have waited upon our industrial progress. We feel its effects already but not as yet in so marked a manner as we shall do before another ten years has gone by. And what we do see and feel is but a faint and imperfect intimation of what those effeets will ultimately be. Another secondary result from this industrial development has been the advance in the value of land, and in the incomes on the whole for good . . for evil is a subject which it is as yet too early to government." N. E. CORNER FORT & MERCHANT STS. January speculate upon. Ten years hence we shall know more about it. Again, a result in the third degree following directly from the rapid importation of laborers is the advance in the value of all descriptions of live stock. This is becoming a rather serious matter to the many though productive of wealth to a limited number. A comparison of the total live stock on the islands, now and in 1874 would be interesting but the more important question is whether the consumption of beef cattle and sheep for food has not reached the point at which it exceeds the annual production. If it has not we expect with certainty that this has been perfected, and an agent of

time than ten years; but here the limits of reliable pasture are narrow, and ten years is too short a period in which to look for any great development of those systems of irrigation which have made similar lands fertile elsewhere. Perhaps the solution of the problem will be found in the increase of the number of small farmers. Such a development will be of the highest value to the country, and ought to be fostered by every means in our power. The Portuguese have tendencies in that direction from which another ten years will no what the traveller who wanders over doubt yield important results. Probthis island Kingdom finds in 1884. ably, also, if the Government be suc-All who have been residents here cessful in its scheme of Japanese imthroughout the period are very sensi- migration, we shall find that indusble of the difference, but such changes | trious people making their mark as cannot be readily realised in their agricultural settlers on their own accompleteness even by those who have count. As for what ten years more lived through them without the aid may do for Honolulu itself, as a city, of something to assist the memory. and as a port, predictions might probably be easier than in regard to the matters we have already spoken of. But enough of speculation for the their totality, and in all their second- day. We wish His Majesty our ary influences. Mere figures from heartiest Aloba en this auspicious day. May his reign be long and prosperous, wise, and peaceful; may his the changes of ten years really mean. name be respected while he is on the throne, and become famous when he has passed from it to the unknown

One of our San Francisco contem-

poraries commenting on the Report of the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs about the Hawaiiau Reciprocity Treaty has hit the right nail on the head in the sentences we quote below. It takes too low a view of the commercial advantage derived by the United States from the Treaty but has made a very correct estimate of the facts in assuring that these would not by themselves suffice to keep the Treaty in favor if the political aspect were not taken into account. Our contemporary says: "The Senate Committee does not pretend to find much reciprocity in the treaty, but thinks that it should be maintained on political, if not on commercial, grounds. The committee has, in fact, lodged the treaty in the only place where it could rest. There is no particular commercial advantage in a treaty with a country whose laboring population is in a condition of servitude. The purchasing power of the Islands is, and will continue to be, small. We may in time sell them nearly everything they buy, but the amount will cut but a small figure in our commercial statistics. Meantime we have to pay as much for Sandwich Island sugar as if such sugar paid the ordinary duty. There is a handsome profit in refining this duty-free sugar and in selling it at the full market rate for sugar that pays duty, but there is a shade of comfort in the fact that derived from letting land. There can the business is mostly in the bands of be no doubt that this has had its influ- American citizens. The only real arence upon a considerable number of gument in support of the treaty is the the natives who have become better probability that, if the United States off in consequence of it. Whether should withdraw from its present re-Importer and Dealer in Clothing, that influence in its moral aspect is lations with the Islands, they would drift into the hands of some European

> We regret to notice the following retrograde step with regard to the circulation of silver coins on the continent of Europe: Travelers are warned that henceforth francs will not circulate in Italy, and that lire will be refused in France. The coins are identical in weight and in value, but the Monetary Convention between the countries ended with the old year, and a rule which seemed for mutual advantage no longer has force.

The San Francisco Daily Commermust be fast approaching that state of | cial News says that the steam line from things. Anywhere else we might San Francisco to China, via Honolulu